

The Feast of Passover (Day 7 of 10)

Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events

Overview & Prayer

The Passover Overview Our Passover Lamb

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“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, ‘Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.’” Exodus 12:21-22

On the seventh day:

Tuesday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 13th) – 3rd day of the week

- Judas consorts with the Jewish leaders and is paid thirty pieces of silver.¹
- Jesus spends the day with His disciples but does not return to Jerusalem.

Tuesday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 14th) – 4th day of the week – The Lord’s Passover²

- The Lord’s Passover is also known as the Day of Preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread,³ which begins the following evening. At the start of 14th (6:00 pm) Jewish people remove all the leaven from their homes. A search is conducted with a candle to check all the nooks and crannies where leaven might exist so that it can be removed. The day concludes the following afternoon when the Passover lambs are slain. The people then commence the celebration of the Feast⁴ by eating their Passover lamb and unleavened bread after sundown (6:00 pm) at the start of Abib 15.
- **Go and prepare the Passover.** Peter and John did not go and prepare the Passover meal as many think, as the Passover lambs had not yet been slain. Instead, they went to make arrangements to secure the place where the Passover meal would be eaten. They made sure that all the leaven was removed from the house and brought in a provision of unleavened bread for the meal.
- The Last supper.⁵

Reflection Reading seventh day:

*“You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt.
None shall appear before me empty-handed.”*

Exodus 23:15

¹ Thirty shekels. This amount is equivalent to 120 day’s wages. The prophecy concerning this payment and its use is found at Zechariah 11:12-13. *I said to them, “If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!” So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them.” So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.*

² According to Leviticus 23:5 the 14th day of Abib is the Lord’s Passover (*Peh-sakh*). It should not be confused with the Passover of the Jews, which commences immediately following the Lord’s Passover.

³ The Feast (“appointed time”) of Unleavened Bread (*Mats-taw Lekn-em*) commences on Abib 15 and lasts for seven days during which time Jewish people eat nothing that contains leaven. The first and seventh days of the feast are Sabbath days. The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is called Passover.

⁴ The use of the term Passover confuses many Christians since there are **two** Passovers, so I’ll try to explain it here.

1. The Lord’s Passover is on the 14th of Abib. It is also called the “day of preparation” as Jewish people remove all leaven from their houses (hence the term “the first day of unleavened bread”) and it is the day on which Passover lambs are slain (Exodus 12:3-11). It is not a Sabbath day.
2. The 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which lasts for seven days, is on the 15th day of Abib. It is referred to as Passover or the Passover of the Jews. On this day Jewish people eat the Passover lamb and unleavened bread in commemoration of the death angel passing over their houses and their deliverance from Egypt. It is a Sabbath day.

⁵ Jesus eats the Lord’s Passover with His disciples. The events surrounding the meal indicate that it follows the pattern of a typical Passover Seder, although it needn’t have. The implications of the events concerning this meal will be discussed in future lessons.

“Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:7

Prayer on the seventh day:

Daily Exercise - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a Latin term that means “divine reading.” It is a way or method of reading the Scriptures in such a manner that facilitates the reader in receiving a “specific word” from God. The practice was developed early in the church’s history with Origen first expressing its principles around 220 AD. The system consists of four parts: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. It may be practiced privately or in a small group setting. There are four elements to be considered in preparing for this exercise:

1. Set aside enough time to complete the exercise so that you don’t have to rush through it. Usually thirty minutes is adequate.
2. Find a quiet place free of distractions.
3. Read the Selected Passage Above of Scripture.
4. Transition from what you have been doing by calming you mind and body. This can be done by taking a few slow, deep breaths and inviting the Lord to speak to you through His word.

Reading

1. Read the passage aloud slowly a couple of times.
2. Be silent for one-to-two minutes.
3. Is there a word or phrase that is meaningful to you?
4. Repeat the word or phrase several times silently as if to memorize it.

* If in a group, share it in turn. Do not elaborate simply state what it is.

Meditation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Think about how the reading applies or touches your life today.

* If in a group, share it in turn. Briefly state “I hear, I see, I feel ...”

Prayer

1. Talk with God about what he is showing you.

* If in a group, pray quietly.

Contemplation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Reflect on “I believe God wants me to _____ today/this week/etc.”

* If in a group, share in turn. At this point you can elaborate somewhat on what you believe God is telling you to do.

Study on the seventh day:

The Passover View – Lesson 50 – At The Lord’s Table, A Haggadah for believers in Jesus

“They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,

“The Lord has risen indeed!”

Luke 24:33

